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U.S. missionary killed in Zaire

WASHINGTON, May 28 (R). — An American medical missionary kidnapped last month by retreating rebel forces in southern Zaire has been killed, the State Department said today. A department spokesman, quoting missionary sources, said Dr. Glen J.R. Eschtrich, of Detroit, was killed by "invaders" sometime in mid-April. Dr. Eschtrich headed a 250-bed United Methodist mission hospital in Shaba, formerly Katanga, province, which has since been retaken by government troops. The spokesman said seven other American missionaries at the hospital were evacuated by a missionary plane and two others from a nearby town were at present in Angola. The department said it had no further details on the whereabouts of the surviving missionaries.

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King Hussein promises army all the equipment it needs

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday pledged to continue providing the Jordanian Armed Forces with all the equipment they need to maintain the highest possible standards for carrying out their duties. In a message to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt-Gen. Zaid Ibn Shaker, the King expressed his appreciation for the army at the parade held on May 25 to mark Independence and Army Day.

Yamani warns against another Mideast war

WASHINGTON, May 28 (R). — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, has warned that another Middle East war is certain if an Arab-Israeli peace agreement is not reached this year.

In response to questions, Sheikh Yamani said the United States should use its "strong leverage" to convince Israel's Mr. Menachem Begin to drop his hard-line approach to such issues as the Palestinian question and Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

Mr. Begin's recent election victory as leader of Israel's rightwing Likud Party has caused some concern about the prospects for a Middle East peace.

Commenting on the possible impact of the Israeli election on the peace efforts, Sheikh Yamani said:

"I think this (the United States) is the only major power in the world that has a real ability to reach peace in the area.

"If we do not reach peace, there will be definitely war, and the Russians will come back again and the United States will lose the whole world, the free world.

"I think the year 1977 is the year of peace, and unless we make use of this golden opportunity, then we will miss the train and regret it forever."

Kuwait studies oil prices

KUWAIT, May 28 (R). — Kuwait's Higher Council for Petroleum met today to discuss consultations among OPEC members on ending the two-tier price system for oil.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Hussein, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, told reporters afterwards that the matter would be the subject of discussions at a meeting of OPEC -- the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries -- in Stockholm on July 12.

The dispute over prices arose from last December's meeting in Qatar of the OPEC Ministerial Council when 11 of the 13 member states decided to raise prices by 10 per cent on Jan. 1 followed by a five per cent increase on July 1.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) opted for a single five-per-cent increase from January 1.

Following a recent tour of the area by Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, there has been speculation that Saudi Arabia and the UAE may raise their prices by five per cent, and the other 11 OPEC members abandon their planned raise on July 1.

Asked about the reports, Mr. Hussein said contacts were still going.

Bomb blast injures 5 in occupied Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 28 (R). — Five people were injured when a bomb exploded in the old city of occupied Jerusalem today, military forces reported here.

The blast shook the ancient lanes of the walled city at about noon today.

Military forces rushed to the scene and ambulances evacuated the injured, eyewitnesses said.

The explosion occurred in David Street, near the Jaffa Gate. The old city was crowded with tourists at the time.

Military forces said none of the injured were seriously hurt. They said first investigation indicated that the explosion was caused by a small charge placed in a niche near a vegetable stall.

It was the first bomb blast in occupied Jerusalem for more than a year, although military forces last week discovered two improvised bombs and rendered them harmless before they exploded. One was found in a bus.

The old city was cleared of visitors and the area where the blast occurred was cordoned off, a military spokesman said.

He added a number of suspects had been arrested and investigations were continuing.

Two of the injured were identified as Israelis. The nationality of the other three has not yet been disclosed, but police repeated that all suffered only superficial wounds.

Palestinians accuse Lebanese Front of "declaring war"

BEIRUT, May 28 (Agencies). — Rightwing Lebanese charges that the presence of Palestinians in Lebanon was "illegal" were described by the official organ of the Palestine Liberation Organisation today as "a declaration of fascist war."

The PLO newspaper, Falastin Al Thawra, was commenting on a five-point declaration issued last night by the "Lebanese Front" of rightwing parties which urged the Lebanese government to ask the Arab League for help in ending what it termed the illegal Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

Observers here said the rightwing declaration reflected a distinct hardening of the right's attitude towards the estimated 400,000 Palestinians in Lebanon. Previous rightwing statements merely called for an end to the presence of armed Palestinians.

Last night's statement said the Lebanese right regarded the 1969 Cairo agreement which regulated the presence of Palestinians in Lebanon as null and void, adding "... the Lebanese Front regards the Palestinian presence on Lebanese soil as illegal."

Kuwait today reacted critically to last night's announcement by the rightwing Lebanese leaders.

Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein said in Kuwait that his country still considered the agreement effective.

"Kuwait does not deal with parties or groupings. It only deals with President (Elías) Sarkis who represents the legitimate authorities in Lebanon. And since President Sarkis regards the Cairo agreement as valid, Kuwait likewise considers it valid," Mr. Hussein said.

Meanwhile Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah said he hoped that Syria would end the fighting in south Lebanon.

He said he expected Syria, whose troops form the bulk of the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon, to continue its efforts to achieve a solution of the Lebanese crisis and bring peace and stability to the country.

The front's judgement on the Cairo agreement came one day after the expiry of the mandate of a four-nation committee appointed by an Arab summit at Riyadh to supervise implementation of the agreement within 90 days. The committee (Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Kuwait) failed to get the parties concerned to agree on a formula for applying the agreement.

As opposition to his appointment grows

Dayan argues he can present good sounding ideas to the Americans

TEL AVIV, May 28 (Agencies). — Chances of Gen. Moshe Dayan becoming Israeli foreign minister appeared today to be weakening.

Opposition to him in the Liberal Party wing of the rightist Likud bloc seemed to be hardening despite television interviews yesterday in which he contended he was the best qualified to be foreign minister.

One of the Liberal leaders, Arye Dulzin, said: "Decisions by the Likud are not reached by a majority vote but by consensus between its three main factions. We Liberals are the second biggest fraction and there is no question of us agreeing to Dayan in the government."

Mr. Dulzin is the Liberal Party candidate for foreign minister.

The Likud Steering Committee will meet tomorrow to decide on Gen. Dayan, who was defence minister in the former Labour Party government. He was nominated for minister by Mr. Menachem Begin, top leader of the Likud coalition which upset the Labour Party in the recent general election.

Speaking on Israeli Radio, Mr. Dayan said today he believed he could accompany Mr. Begin to Washington as foreign minister with ideas acceptable to both the Americans and Arabs on how to solve the Middle East crisis.

"Begin asked whether I could do the job, whether we could come to Washington on our own ideas and have them accepted, not only by the Americans, but by the Arabs, too."

"I definitely felt that I had something to say in the foreign policy arena, and that is why I accepted."

Mr. Dayan said the main problems facing Israel today were the country's boundaries, what will happen to the Arab population and whether they would accept an overall solution.

Mr. Dayan said he had made sure there was sufficient agreement between him and Mr. Begin before he accepted the Foreign Ministry.

He had asked three questions. The first was would Mr. Begin go to a Geneva peace conference according to United Nations resolution 242?

The Likud leader said he would honour the decisions of the previous Labour government and go to Geneva, Mr. Dayan said.

The second question concerned the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank which Mr. Begin has said he considers "liberated Jewish territory."

Gen. Dayan said although Mr. Begin did not say the West Bank was negotiable, he did say the Arabs "would be free to discuss the West Bank just the same as the Golan Heights and the Sinai."

On the imposition of Israeli sovereignty on the West Bank, Mr. Begin had agreed not to do this as long as negotiations were taking place, Mr. Dayan said.

He again rejected any suggestion that he withdraw his acceptance of the Foreign Ministry post in view of strong criticism voiced by the Liberal Party faction of the Likud the Labour Party, and the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC).

Large protest meetings against Gen. Dayan's appointment are being planned for Sunday in Israeli cities, it was learned here. Among those demonstrating will be relatives of soldiers killed during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, when Gen. Dayan was Defence Minister and was accused of failing to prepare for the war.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres charged during a television programme last night that Gen. Dayan's acceptance of the Likud offer was basically wrong and that he was deceiving those who had voted for Labour in the elections.

Gen. Dayan said he would only withdraw from the post if Likud's Party leadership repudiated Mr. Begin's offer.

There was no indication here as to how the Likud Steering Committee would vote on Gen. Dayan's nomination. "It will all depend on Menachem Begin's ability to convince them," a party spokesman said.

Ethiopia orders U.S., British, Egyptian defence attaches out

ADDIS ABABA, May 28 (R). — The Ethiopian government tonight ordered the closure of the American, British and Egyptian defence attaches' offices in Addis Ababa and gave their staffs seven days to leave the country.

The Ethiopian News Agency (ENA), reporting the move, said that a 50 per cent cut had also been ordered in the United States embassy staff and that two-thirds of the U.S. marine guards at the embassy must leave.

A spokesman for Ethiopia's Provisional Military Government said the decision was sent to the three embassies concerned by the Foreign Ministry, the news agency said.

There was no immediate indication how many diplomats and military personnel would be affected.

The move by Ethiopia's Marxist government came only three days after the U.S. State Department in Washington said that about 50 Cuban military advisers had arrived in the strategic east African country to train Ethiopian troops.

In its order affecting the U.S. embassy, the Ethiopian government said that the only exception to the 50 per cent cut in embassy personnel would be for those members of the staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

It directed that the U.S. embassy staff cuts also should be carried out within seven days and the names of those leaving be submitted to the foreign ministry "at the embassy's earliest convenience."

Prince Saud says U.S. determined to find just Mideast solution

RIYADH, May 28 (R). — Prince Saud Al Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, was quoted today as saying there was a growing understanding of the Arab cause in Washington, according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

Commenting on Crown Prince Fahd's visit to the United States, Prince Saud told the daily newspaper Al Riyadh that President Carter confirmed American determination to find a just and peaceful solution to the Middle East problem.

There was a "growing understanding of the cause and its nucleus -- the Palestinian problem," Prince Saud added.

The Saudi foreign minister did not attach great significance to the election victory of the rightwing Likud in Israel, which some Arabs have seen as increasing the danger of war.

"There is no difference between someone who says that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are inseparable parts of Israel, and someone who says that Israel will not withdraw from them," he added.

Podgorny deposed of presidency, Austrian newspaper reports

VIENNA, May 28 (Agencies). — The Soviet Communist Party Central Committee voted "unanimously" to dismiss Nikolai Podgorny from the Soviet presidency and to add that post to the duties of party head Leonid Brezhnev, a newspaper reported here today.

The Moscow correspondent of the Vienna newspaper Die Presse said the following details were disclosed by socialist sources.

Mr. Podgorny was "completely surprised" by the vote on Tuesday, the despatch said. He then "left the platform of the party's ruling Politburo to sit in the hall among the ordinary members of the Central Committee."

The vote came during a plenary session of the Central Committee chaired by Mikhail Suslov, who is in charge of communist ideology. Mr. Khasuma, party Secretary for the Donetsk District of the Ukraine, proposed giving Mr. Brezhnev the title of head of state "to put him on an equal footing with the most important foreign guests."

Then Grigory Romanov, party head in Leningrad, proposed removing Mr. Podgorny from the Politburo as an "opportunistic" step.

Mr. Khasuma put all these motions to a vote and they were adopted unanimously, Die Presse said.

Reports from Moscow, however, were conflicting. According to a Reuters report, Soviet parliamentary chiefs today approved the draft of a new constitution expected to alter the shape of the Kremlin leadership, but apparently decided against the immediate ousting of Mr. Podgorny.

A session of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, was addressed by Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Suslov, who presented the constitutional draft and a new anthem.

But an official report on the session issued through the TASS news agency and Moscow Radio made no mention of the presence of 74-year-old Mr. Podgorny, who was abruptly dropped from the Politburo on Tuesday without explanation.

Rumours that the Praesidium was meeting in the Kremlin spread through Moscow during the morning. It was thought Mr. Podgorny's removal from the presidency, which he has held since 1965, could be imminent.

Africa wins international backing to improve transport, telecommunications

PARIS, May 28 (R). — African states have won international backing for a 10-year programme to improve transport and telecommunications in the continent, informed sources said today. Industrialised and developing nations attending the north-south dialogue here will take up the proposal at their final ministerial session starting on Monday.

Officials working on final preparations for the three-day closing session said the ministers would call for a special international conference to launch the project.

On this as on other key topics therefore the north-south dialogue promises to go no further than provide political impetus for detailed negotiations in other bodies.

In a major policy shift the group of eight industrial participants at the Paris Economic Conference now supports the creation of some form of common fund to ensure developing countries are assured of

fair prices for their commodity exports.

Previously, the United States and other industrial nations, though they reluctantly agreed to negotiate, shied away from committing themselves in principle to the common fund -- the foremost demand of the developing nations in their campaign for a new international economic order.

Preliminary talks on the common fund and how it should be used have taken place in Geneva under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Developing countries want the fund to finance buffer stocks for at least 18 commodities but experts from the industrial nations believe this scheme is far too ambitious.

To alleviate the grave financial difficulties confronting many developing countries, the rich nations will offer \$1 billion in extra aid.

The money will be available at short notice on special con-

cessional terms to help Third World nations with acute debt and poverty problems.

The Paris conference has brought together industrialised, oil exporting and developing countries in an attempt to produce agreements on energy, raw material markets, development aid and finance.

For over a year, ministers and officials have grappled with the problems involved in lifting the developing countries out of their desperate poverty.

The conference has been marked by a series of crises and delays, and even the final ministerial session had to be postponed from last year.

The Third World participants are: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Peru, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.

Abba Eban may face trial

TEL AVIV, May 28 (R). — A decision is expected next week on whether to grant former Foreign Minister Abba Eban backdated permission to maintain foreign bank accounts, Israel's state television service said tonight.

The Finance Ministry's Foreign Currency Department had reported that Mr. Eban held illegal bank accounts abroad, a television commentator added.

The department, which has been carrying out an inquiry into Mr. Eban's financial affairs, had said in its report that Mr. Eban held \$351,000 abroad for which he never received official permission as required

by Israeli law, the commentator said.

The television commentator quoted the department report as saying Mr. Eban transferred over the years \$112,000 while spending abroad \$21,500. The remaining \$117,500 were transmitted to Israel only after the inquiry began.

The departmental findings "offer little alternative but to bring Mr. Eban to trial," the commentator said.

Libya lands U.S. oil rig, Tunisia reports

TUNIS, May 29 (AFP). — A commando group of six armed Libyans was landed by helicopter at dawn today on an American oil rig in offshore waters in the Gulf of Gabes, claimed by both Tunisia and Libya, the Tunisian TAP news agency reported tonight.

The drilling rig, owned by the American company Reading and Bates, arrived in the gulf yesterday. An authoritative Tunisian source quoted by TAP reiterated Tunisian charges that the rig had been escorted to the disputed zone by Libyan naval vessels.

This had been denied by ARNA, the official Libyan news agency. The Tunisian source said the American rig was accompanied by the Libyan corvette Akdjam and the submarine Badr.

Five Angolan leaders killed in insurrection

LONDON, May 28 (Agencies). — Five members of Angola's ruling Revolutionary Council -- including the finance minister -- were killed yesterday while the government was quelling a short-lived insurrection, President Agostinho Neto told his country in a broadcast tonight.

Luanda Radio, monitored in London, quoted him as saying the five had been "assassinated" by the rebels. The bodies of some of them had been found burnt and those of others were still missing, he said.

Among those who died were Finance Minister Saydi Mingas and Commander Eugenio Verissimo da Costa, both members of the Council of the Revolution and of the Central Committee of the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

In a 20-minute broadcast, President Neto said Angola's enemies had already started exploiting the situation in the country.

But, he declared, "there is no change in our political line. There is no change in our relations."

He said the burning of the bodies of members of the Council of the Revolution recalled the methods used by the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), one of two Western-backed movements which fought the MPLA for control of Angola after it won independence from Portugal.

President Neto said: "The elements who committed the crimes are here in Luanda or are near to Luanda." He went on to urge the population to make every effort to apprehend the culprits.

any members who failed to report, it added.

Luanda Radio said life had returned to normal in the Angolan capital. The radio broadcast orders for people to return to work.

The uprising flared in support of two men purged from the country's Soviet and Cuban backed Marxist government and the rebels seized control of the radio at one point.

When it was retaken, the Angolan president broadcast a warning of drastic punishment for those who joined the rebellion. A dawn-to-dusk curfew was imposed.

The rebels called for the release of Nito Alves and Jose van Dunem, two expelled members of the Central Committee of the MPLA who they said were under arrest.

In a separate development from Luanda three foreign journalists -- a representative of Agence France Presse, a Yugoslav and a Brazilian -- were marched from their city centre office at gunpoint during the height of yesterday's short-lived Angolan rebellion.

They had gone to AFP's offices in Mutamba Square to report disturbances in the capital when their building became the centre of an exchange of fire between Angolan government (FALPA) forces and rebels.

Three FALPA soldiers, armed with automatic rifles and machine guns, burst into AFP's first-floor offices, pointed their guns at the journalists and said they had been told shots had been fired from there.

A crowd of about 50 in the street below was shouting and pointing at the AFP bureau.

The soldiers, extremely agitated, ordered the journalists outside at gunpoint. Once outside however, a FALPA officer calmed the crowd and soldiers.

He examined the journalists' press cards and then said there had been a "mistake" and asked the journalists to "excuse his comrades."

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Precipitate action

THE unilateral declaration by the rightwing Lebanese Front that the Cairo agreement, regulating the activities of Palestinian commandos in Lebanon, is null and void and that the presence of nearly half a million Palestinians in the country is illegal is precipitate action that is ill timed at best.

The front, which groups only rightwing parties which fought against the Palestinians and leftists in the Lebanese civil war, cannot claim to be the official spokesman for the country or to represent a consensus of Lebanese opinion. There is an official government in Lebanon that is perfectly capable of speaking in the name of the Lebanese. No group in the country should attempt to encroach on the powers or authority of that legally constituted government or parliament.

Furthermore, it is one thing to ask for the implementation of the Cairo agreement, it is quite another to seek its abrogation. The first is a feasible step, the latter is an enticement to hostilities. The declaration by the front fans the embers of hatred and fear that lie quite shallow beneath the sand in a country still enjoying only the beginning of relief from wholesale strife and destruction, and in which the return to normal life is not so complete as to withstand the possible consequences of such a severe jolt.

With an Arab and an American initiative afoot to bring peace to the Middle East, the Arabs cannot afford to have their energies diverted to the solution of a problem that could prove devisive and will at the least give the Israelis, who are perfectly content with the status quo, an opportunity to put off the question of peace at precisely the moment it should be most diligently pursued. President Carter's peace initiative cannot get very far if no one on either side is listening.

It is significant that the Arabs were only able to launch their peace-drive once the Lebanese situation quieted down. But when it did, they turned their energies to the solution of the Palestinian problem. If they are successful, there will be no need to worry about the Cairo agreement or Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

Why rock the boat now in such a way as to defeat your own objective? If the Lebanese rightists want an end to armed Palestinian presence in Lebanon, an end to commando operations, even if they want the Palestinians to evacuate Lebanon, why not allow the Arabs and President Carter, who is quite serious on this point, a chance to solve the problem at the roots. Why kick up a fuss over an issue that may resolve itself by itself?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two Jordanian dailies, Al Sha'b and Al Dstour, were concerned with the importance of the Likud bloc coming to power and its ability to distort reality. Al Akhbar was more concerned with the shortcomings of the Jordanian public service.

In an editorial entitled "Israel's mortal disease", Al Sha'b comments on former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's desertion of the Labour Party to make himself available for the post of foreign minister in Mr. Menachem Begin's future Likud dominated cabinet.

The paper says this has occasioned speculation that Mr. Dayan might eventually succeed Mr. Begin, who is ill in the hospital, to the leadership of the hard-line Likud bloc.

Both Dayan and Begin are advocates of a "Greater Israel" and oppose withdrawal from the West Bank, so Dayan would make an appropriate successor. Al Sha'b says, however, that the problem is not Begin's illness but the fact that Israel as a whole is sick. Israel is suffering from delusions and a belief in myths that are out of date by two millennia - the myths of the chosen people and the promised land. Israel's leaders, the like of Dayan and Begin, on the other hand, are trying to cope with the present situation through this archaic mentality and the politics of thirty years ago. They are blind to the changes that have taken place in the region and on the international scene since 1948, the paper adds. Whoever has Israel's best interest at heart should first and foremost try to cure it of these delusions and the racial discrimination they entail and should set it on a new course more in keeping with the spirit of the age and in closer touch with more developed human values, Al Sha'b concludes.

attacks the failure of the Arabs in presenting a correct image of themselves to the West.

The Likud bloc took a decision to send representatives to the USA to present their point of view. In view of this the editor is shocked by how the Arab oil producing countries ignore the whole problem of presenting correct information not only concerning their national policies but their economic power.

The solution lies in the hands of the Arab oil-producing countries. Money and organization can solve the problem. Thus it is suggested that a "Higher Council for Arab Information" should be formed and supported by a special fund from the Arab oil-producing countries. This "Higher Council" should be run by capable and sincere individuals able to change the American conceptions about the Arabs in order to support President Carter's efforts calling for the recognition of the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland, Israel withdrawal from occupied territories and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The Akhbar editorial was concerned with the shortcomings of the Jordanian public service. On the occasion of convening the International Conference for Heart Diseases the editor presented his criticisms in a sarcastic manner by probing into the causes of the alleged heart diseases in Jordan.

The causes are many some of which are:
1. Using the telephone for outside calls causes high blood pressure;
2. Listening to the Jordanian broadcast causes vessel blockage;
3. The way the Amman municipality encourages flies and mosquitoes and the red tape existing in our bureaucracies ultimately leads to heart attack.
The editor listed the causes but not the remedies.

Will Mrs. Bandaranaike follow Mrs. Gandhi to defeat?

Mrs. Bandaranaike, the first woman in the world to become a prime minister is the only one left, Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Golda Meir and Mrs. Peron having left the centre of the stage. Now Mrs. Bandaranaike is holding an election and will have a hard time holding on to power. In many ways the Sri Lanka political situation resembles that in India. The premier had an emergency, delayed the election and has a son she is grooming for leadership. There is speculation that events in India will repeat themselves in Sri Lanka.

By Gamini Navaratne

COLOMBO (Gemini) — There will be no safe seats for government candidates at the general election in Sri Lanka, fixed for July 21. Not even Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranaike can afford to take things easy. The shock election result in India has cast a shadow on her centrist Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP).

Eloquent acknowledgement of the government's discomfiture at the turn of events in India was the way the state radio and state-controlled newspapers played down the personal defeats of Mrs. Gandhi and her son Sanjay, something India's own state radio and Samachar News Agency did not do.

And Mrs. Bandaranaike's son, Anura, making his debut in parliamentary politics, has deemed it prudent to contest a three-member constituency.

Before the Indian election, he was tipped to contest the Dumpe constituency, near Colombo, won by the prime minister's nephew Felix Dias Bandaranaike with a record 20,000 majority in 1970. Now he has switched to Nuwara Eliya, in central province, which will return three members. In recent years, the political histories of India and Sri Lanka have thrown up several parallels. The election verdicts, many analysts believe, could provide yet another.

Most remarkable, is that both countries have had women prime ministers. Like Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Bandaranaike, while emphasizing her commitment to democracy, several times bypassed Parliament and used draconian powers to suppress fundamental rights, jail political opponents, ban meetings, smash strikes and curb the press.

As in India this resort to emergency powers has been resented by opposition parties and by large sections of the public and the few remaining independent newspapers.

Like Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Bandaranaike also used her once-preponderant parliamentary strength to extend her period of office. Elected for five years in May 1970, a new constitution in 1972 allowed government to carry on until 1977.

As in India, Sri Lanka faced further postponement of elections, until 1980. The government argued that an election campaign, likely to be fiercely contested, could disrupt the development effort.

But the real reasons, opponents claimed, was that the SLFP was afraid to face the people. The moves fizzled out because defections deprived it of the two-thirds majority needed to change the constitution again.

Like Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Bandaranaike sought the help of the leftists to fight the elections and consolidate her power only to discard them later. The Trotskyist Party was expelled from the coalition in 1975 for insisting on a faster pace to socialism. The pro-Moscow Communist Party, threatened with expulsion for the

same reason, withdrew last February.

And, as in India towards the end of Mrs. Gandhi's regime, discontent over economic issues, mainly high living costs and unemployment, has now reached a crescendo in Sri Lanka.

Measures launched after the Indian elections -- to flood the market with consumer goods, increase food rations and pack state enterprises with jobless but educated youth are not expected to sway voters to the extent the government expects.

The parallels between India and Sri Lanka go even further. As was Sanjay Gandhi, Anura Bandaranaike is being groomed by his mother for political leadership. He already leads the SLFP youth wing and has sometimes acted in the other's name and talked out loud -- and, out of turn, -- offending senior party men in the process.

Then there is Felix Bandaranaike, Minister of Finance, Food and Co-operatives, and "strong man" of the government. His penchant for throwing his intellectual weight about has cost Mrs. Bandaranaike much support. He has been compared with the unpopular Bansi Lal, Mrs. Gandhi's Defence Minister.

Mrs. Bandaranaike's landslide victory in 1975 was possible for two reasons. The SLFP formed a United Front with the Trotskyists and Communists to fight the right wing United National Party (UNP) government. And the Front held out

the promise of change: The transformation of the semi-colonial economy, heavily dependent on tea, rubber and coconut exports, and steeped in feudalism, into a vibrant "socialist democracy".

In the five years that the three parties functioned together, the government was able to push through a wide range of political, economic and social reforms which took Sri Lanka some distance in a socialist direction.

But it could not achieve an economic breakthrough. World commodity price fluctuations had much to do with this situation. So did the feuding between the coalition parties over the pace of socialism.

And there has been little improvement in the economic situation, contrary to the claims of Felix Bandaranaike, who took over as finance minister from Trotskyist leader Dr. N.M. Perera.

In a desperate gamble, Mr. Bandaranaike revalued the rupee by 16 per cent in February and ordered all state and private industries using any quantum of imported material to cut prices of their products by a minimum of 10 per cent. This has been done.

The accepted political wisdom until about February was that the right wing UNP led by 71 year old J.W. Jayawardene would come back at the elections. It has won ten-by-elections over the SLFP.

But the exit of the Communists and the defection of six members of the SLFP, including the respected Industries Minister T.B. Subasing, has made possible the formation of a Socialist United Front and this has significantly altered the picture.

Like the Janata Party in India, the Socialist Front could give a new direction to Sri Lanka politics, but it is too early to make a meaningful assessment of the outcome.

Tolerance, moderation characterise first Spanish electoral campaign in over 40 years

MADRID, May 28 (AFP) — Moderation has so far been the key word of the three-week campaign that started last Tuesday and will run up to the Spanish general election on June 15.

It is a feature both of the policy statements of most of the 200-plus parties that have sprung up in Spain and of the campaigning style of the candidates.

Even the rivalry between gangs of fly-poster stickers who nightly roam the streets seeking in vain for a patch of bare wall has produced but a few scuffles.

The same easy-going attitude marks the campaign meetings, the first held in this country for over 40 years.

At the very start of the campaign, former Interior Minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne, who heads the neo-Francoist Popular Alliance, was seen in shirt sleeves helping stewards evict rowdies from a meeting.

But otherwise, even the vast open-air rallies held by Socialist Workers' and Communist Parties have been free from disturbances.

The most active propagandists are the extreme left, the Maoists and Trotskyites, and

the Anarchists, who sell newspapers and collect money for various international causes on the fringe of the leftist rallies.

Here too there is a lack of animosity as everyone seems to enjoy the new climate of tolerance and freedom.

Compared with their West European counterparts, the great Spanish parties have all taken a step to the right.

Santiago Carrillo's is the most "Euro-communist" of the big three, the French, Italian and Spanish Communist Parties.

It has officially accepted the red and gold flag of Franco's Spain, instead of the red, yellow and purple Republican tricolour.

The Socialist Worker's Party headed by Felipe Gonzalez has buried its Marxist ideology in campaign speeches. It has the support of the West German Social Democrats.

In the centre stand the Social Democrats, Christian Democrats and Liberals, joined in an ill-defined Liberal Front.

Senor Fraga Iribarne sees himself as leading the Spanish equivalent of the British Con-

Spirit of the times By Angelo Rossi Could money become obsolete?

Did you ever notice how cumbersome our present day economic system is? One day you have a pile of paper notes you can't change, the next day you have a pile of change no one wants. Or did you ever get a check you couldn't cash?

All these little hassles with money which we encounter daily are nothing compared to the overwhelming flood of work encountered by big banks which have to conduct literally millions of transactions each day with millions of notes.

In modern times some expert economists came up with the idea of cheques in order to make it possible to trade paper money without even having to shuffle it back and forth from bank to bank. But even cheques are in such wide-spread use that now they're becoming too heavy for the banks to handle efficiently. They're bought and sold at such a fast rate and money is exchanged so fast that the banks are having a hard time keeping up.

But now with the invention of the computer a whole new era is dawning.

The computer's memory is able to keep track of all the money, stocks, bonds, cheques, shares and goods, etc. On a banking level the computer has been a fantastic help, saving work and time and improving accuracy. It has worked wonders on the banking level, but how will it work on the individual level?

It seems likely, with the exchange of goods, services and money at increasingly higher speeds and quantity that a new economic system may be on the horizon.

The use of money as an exchange medium has been with us since time immemorial. It has been the basic medium of exchange universally accepted by nearly all. And it has proven to be a convenient system for most situations. However its use could easily become obsolete in a very short time.

Could you imagine, instead of money, having a little number on a little card that the cashier in a store could stick into a new kind of cash register, but instead of putting your money in the cashier would just insert your number, along with the price.

Then the price of the goods you had just bought would automatically be taken out of your money at the bank by the computer and transferred electronically by wire to the bank account of the store or person from which you bought the thing.

This way you'd never need to carry a coin or bill anywhere and all transactions would be

handled electronically. All the money would move around inside the cables as electric pulses. You'd never even have to move the cheques or actual money from one bank to the other, but you'd just be billed by your bank for what you bought.

This is called a "credit system" and is a new way of trading. It is partially being done in some places where people have credit cards and are able to charge certain things to their account. But to be done on a wide scale would represent a major shift in the entire economic system.

In many ways it would represent a radical change in the world's financial order. The effect would be fantastic.

Of course this system would have both advantages and disadvantages. Such a system would require an enormous amount of controls and a greater degree of centralisation. Every individual and every store would have to be connected to the central banking system, all connected by the computer network. It will become virtually mandatory for everyone to be registered and once again we would find ourselves sacrificing a little more of our independence for the sake of efficiency.

The technology required for such a system is basically available but hasn't yet been promoted on a large scale. The major need is for computers capable of holding the accounts of entire populations. But such advanced computers are not so far from being developed.

Also there is the need to fool-proof the number and card system so that cards or numbers couldn't be forged or misused. Each I.D. must be unmistakably unique to the individual.

And finally there is the problem of making such a shift from our present system, based on paper, to a system based on electric pulses. You can feel paper but you can't even see pulses. Would people be willing to accept such a system? Or would it meet with resistance, as people usually prefer to hang onto the old things they're used to rather than venture out into the new which seems strange at first?

As the exchange of goods expands and the need for swift exchange of currency increases, a new, faster and more efficient monetary system will be required. When and how this is introduced will depend on how long it takes for banks, merchants and governments to realize that the present system just isn't meeting the needs of our society. And, of course, it will depend on man's initiative in developing the technology for such systems.

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Committees forge on with integration work...

DAMASCUS, March 28 (JNA). — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for Industrial Coordination began its meetings here today under the chairmanship of the Under-Secretary of the Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Hashem Dabbas, and his Syrian counterpart Nazih Raalan.

The committee reviewed progress since its recent meeting in Amman. It also resumed discussion on coordination of the chemical and engineering industries.

The committee recommended industrial coordination in

the production of calcium carbide, washing soda, phosphate ingredients and chemical cleaning materials after the necessary studies are completed.

Iron, steel and aluminum industries are also to be subjected to coordination. An exchange of information about these industries is to take place.

The committee will submit its recommendations and resolutions to the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee when it meets in Amman shortly.

Meanwhile, Syria's delegation to the Jordanian-Syrian committee entrusted with the study and creation of joint industrial ventures arrived in

Amman via Ramtha today to attend a committee meeting at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The committee started its work this afternoon by discussing joint transport and banking projects. Premier Mudar Badran attended part of the meeting.

In a press statement at Ramtha, the head of the Syrian delegation, Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Dr. Mo-hammed Imadi, said that the committee will review plans for joint ventures, in particular those related to the Land and Maritime Transport Companies, the Free Zone Company and the ready-made clothes factory. The committee will

discuss progress achieved in setting up these companies, in addition to the creation of a joint commercial bank.

The board of the Free Zone Company yesterday discussed the results of the opening up of three artesian wells in the free zone area.

The daily output of the wells has now reached 2,000 cubic metres, which is sufficient for both drinking and industrial use.

The board also discussed steps to be taken to enable resumption of work in the zone.

The meeting, which took place at the company's headquarters in Der'a, was presided over by company Chairman Dr. Taha Bali.

DANGER! ELECTRICITY

AMMAN (JNA). — An electric high-tension line is now being erected linking the switchboard station at Wadi Seer threshing floors with the cement factory at Fuhais via the Hashimiyeh area, the Jordan Electricity Authority announced Saturday.

The authority gave warning of fatal danger for anyone trying to climb the electric pylons. It will not be responsible for any accident resulting, it added.

Labour team leaves for ILO conference

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan's delegation to the 61st annual conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) left here for Geneva Saturday.

Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni, head of the Jordanian delegation, said that the talks will centre on bolstering international cooperation in the technical field. Jordan will need to use the conference's recommendations to implement its plans to develop and modernise labour procedures, Mr. Ajlouni added.

A meeting of Arab delegations will take place on May 30 -- before the three-week conference -- to coordinate the

Arab position, Mr. Ajlouni said. They will also discuss a working plan to follow up a resolution passed by the ILO in 1974 condemning Israel for its arbitrary measures and its violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories.

His Highness Crown Prince Hassan will also participate in the conference at the invitation of the ILO. Mr. Ajlouni said. This invitation emphasises the important role Jordan is assuming at the international level, he added.

The Jordanian delegation includes representatives of the Ministry of Labour, employers and the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions.

MAJALI TALKS EDUCATION IN KUWAIT

KUWAIT (JNA). — Minister of Education, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali Saturday conferred with his Kuwaiti opposite number, Mr. Jassem Al Marzouk, on ways of developing cultural cooperation.

Dr. Majali said after the meeting he discussed exchange of expertise and the question of Jordanian teachers working in Kuwait.

Dr. Majali arrived here Friday at the start of a tour, which will also take him to the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain.

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U.S. expects \$20 billion deficit Carter shifts gears in economic policy

WASHINGTON, May 28 (R). — The Carter administration has shifted gear in its international economic policy and is trying to get industrialized countries with a strong balance of payments to eliminate sur-

pluses, administration sources said yesterday.

The aim of the new focus is to correct structural imbalances in world payments.

The sources said the new effort does not represent a basic policy change and termed it a "logical extension" of the now abandoned effort to get West Germany and Japan to stimulate their economies further.

Stimulation efforts failed because of inflationary fears, a belief that additional stimulation in fact was not necessary, and a worry that Japan would use it as another opportunity to expand its burgeoning export drive.

Although countries in a strong current account balance of payments position say they have taken measures to cut surpluses, the Carter administration feels not enough has

been or is being done to this end.

The sources said the United States was trying to use the massive trade and current account deficits it will run this year as a key bargaining tool.

The prospective U.S. deficits have been an important point of discussion in the recent rounds of international financial talks and in recent days have been the platform for major policy statements by senior administration officials.

The U.S. expects a trade deficit of over \$20 billion this year and a current account deficit of \$10 to \$12 billion.

In contrast, C. Fred Bergsten, Assistant Treasury Secretary for International Affairs, points out West Germany is likely to run a current account surplus of \$3 to \$4 billion and Japan a \$3 to \$6 billion dollar surplus.

The administration's main point so far has been that these two countries, plus the other strong industrial powers, should allow their exchange rates to appreciate to help redress the imbalances.

Both Mr. Bergsten and his boss, Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, this week urged such appreciation. International Monetary Fund Managing Director H. Johannes Witteveen did the same in a recent speech in Holland.

New agricultural development fund to start operating

ROME, May 28 (AFP). — The new International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will start its financing operations in developing countries early next year, the Chairman of the IFAD Preparatory Committee, Abdul Muhsein Al Sudairy of Saudi Arabia, said here yesterday.

He said the \$1,000 million fund would lend about \$700 million over the next three years for agricultural development projects, especially in the 45 countries considered by the United Nations as "most severely affected" (MSA).

The funds would be lent at "extremely favourable" terms. Ambassador Al Sudairy said the IFAD would pay special

attention to projects which would benefit the poorest sections of the population of countries receiving IFAD assistance.

Elaborating on IFAD's terms he said up to 12.5 per cent of its resources could be shared out as grants. "Special loans" would be granted at a nominal interest rate of one per cent. They would be repayable over 50 years, with a ten-year grace period. Other loans would be granted at "intermediate" terms -- a 4 per cent interest rate and repayment over 20 years with a five-year grace period. Ordinary loans would be granted for 15 to 18 years with a three year grace period and an interest rate of 6 per cent.

Banabans get compensation

LONDON, May 28 (AFP). — The British, Australian and New Zealand governments have offered to pay £6.41 million in compensation to the former inhabitants of a British Pacific island that has been largely turned over to phosphate mining, it was announced yesterday.

But British Foreign Secretary David Owen told Parliament the three-government offer was final, and conditional on the islanders dropping their appeal against a high court decision rejecting their main claims.

The 2,500 Ocean Island Banabans were expelled from their island by the Japanese during the last war and have been

seeking permission to return for several years. They want to secede the British colony from the Gilbert Islands and eventually unite it with Fiji where they now live.

Last year they lost their main action in the longest, most expensive high court hearing in British history.

Dr. Owen yesterday said no decision would be taken on the island's future status before the Gilbert Islands' constitutional conference to which the Banabans would be invited.

The Gilbert Islands gain independence next year. Their government strongly opposes Ocean Island secession and wants the revenue from phosphate exploitation used to develop the whole Archipelago.

China opposes Japanese venture with S. Korea in East China Sea

PEKING, May 28 (R). — China has warned Japan not to ratify an agreement with South Korea for joint development of the East China Sea continental shelf saying it infringed Chinese sovereignty.

Peking's long-standing opposition to the 1974 agreement was emphatically reiterated by Vice Foreign Minister Ho Ying at a meeting yesterday with Japanese Ambassador Heishoro Ogawa.

Mr. Ho repeated a 1974 statement charging that Japan and South Korea had marked off a joint development zone on the continental shelf "behind China's back", the official New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

The vice foreign minister added a new clause, warning that ratification would harm the development of Sino-Japanese relations and Tokyo "must bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom."

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Ogawa replied that the agreement had been carefully designed not to affect China's sovereignty or its interests. He undertook to convey China's views to his government.

The discussion took place at the initiative of Mr. Ogawa who requested a meeting several days ago to explain Tokyo's position, the sources added.

The issue has come to a head because the agreement is before the Japanese Diet. It has been passed by the Lower House and will automatically

be ratified if the Senate fails to act on it within 30 days while the Diet is in session.

China's tougher stance was spelled out again in a separate NCNA dispatch which said Japanese authorities had tried several times to railroad the agreement through the Diet.

Previous attempts failed "due to the opposition of most opposition parties and the far-sighted members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Parties," it reported.

Mr. Ho's statement accused Tokyo of trying to create a fait accompli. "How can this be described as having the sincerity of being ready to consult with China?"

He asked Japan to give prudent consideration to the matter in the interest of Sino-Japanese relations.

The vice foreign minister's statement reiterated that Pek-

ing regarded the agreement as an infringement of Chinese sovereignty. "The Chinese government absolutely cannot accept this..."

It is regrettable that the Japanese government nevertheless has submitted this agreement to the Diet for ratification.

"The Chinese government has consistently held that the question of how to divide the continental shelf in the East China Sea should be decided by China and the other countries concerned through consultation," he added.

Diplomatic sources said the Japanese Embassy had expected an adverse Chinese reaction but noted Peking's harder line that ratification may harm the development of relations.

Japan is China's leading trade partner and wants to increase its imports of Chinese oil and raw materials.

USSR may help exploit Morocco's phosphates

RABAT, May 28 (AFP). — Negotiations are under way here for Soviet help in exploiting Morocco's phosphate deposits at Mekkala, north of Marrakesh, it was reported today.

Yesterday King Hassan had talks with Karim Lamrini, Director of Morocco's Phosphates Office, and Soviet Ambassador Dimitri Gorunov.

Last week Mr. Lamrini visited Moscow to discuss possible Soviet technical assistance for the Mekkala Operation. Sources here said Moscow was considering extensive credits for Morocco and construction of a deep water port at Jorf Lasrar from where the phosphates would be exported. The project might extend over 10-15 years, sources said.

Moscow would probably provide oil, machines and chemical products needed for the phosphates industry and in return take about 10 million tons of phosphates annually.

Such massive deliveries, however, would involve Moscow in improvements to its Black Sea ports which are not envisaged in its current five-year development plan, the sources added.

U.S. Federal Reserve Board backs tighter control on foreign banks

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AFP). — The Federal Reserve Board yesterday gave full backing to a bill introduced into Congress this week to strengthen federal control over foreign banks operating in the United States.

The absence of special regulations for American branches of foreign banks has enabled them to extend their operations into several states (in the United States, a bank's operations are limited to the state in which it is set up), to go into the financial market without being subject to Federal Reserve monetary controls, the board said in a letter to Congress.

The letter said the situation exposed no problems a few years ago when foreign banking operations in the U.S. were minor. But as of last March, there were 92 foreign banks with some 207 branches in the U.S., it pointed out.

"We are primarily concerned about the absence of a national policy and regulatory framework in this increasingly important area and its attendant ramifications for the formulation of monetary policy, the development of a sound and competitive banking system, and the coordination of policies with national monetary and regulatory authorities abroad", the letter said.

"We believe that foreign banks should be encouraged to enter and expand within this country and to participate fully in our banking and financial markets", the letter said.

"We further believe, however, that such entry and expansion should not occur under 50 different sets of rules but rather should occur under a set of national standards uniformly applied to all foreign banks", the Federal Reserve Board concluded.

Japanese tax evasion hits all-time high

TOKYO, May 28 (AFP). — Tax evasion in Japan was at an all-time high in 1976, with incomes not properly reported totaling 29,678 million yen (about \$102 million) according to the National Tax Administration Agency.

The figure was 5,000 million yen (\$12.4 million) more than the previous year, with the government demanding back taxes, including penalty charges, of 18,680 million yen (\$64.4 million) up 3,000 million yen (\$10.3 million) from 1975, the agency's "tax evasion white paper" said.

Mr. Yoshio Kodama, 66, central figure in the Lockheed scandal in Japan, maintained his position at the top of the list of individual offenders for the second consecutive year.

He failed to pay 1,215 million yen (\$4.2 million) including penalty charges, on the 1,264 million yen (\$4.3 million) he received from Lockheed from 1973 through 1975.

As favourite tactics the agency cited companies which falsely bolstered their payrolls with retired workers, doctors who reported medical purchases above the medicine's value, construction companies which wrote down fictional sub-contract expenses, and individuals who deposited money under false names.

U.S. firm airlifts Ugandan coffee daily

DJIBOUTI, May 28 (AFP). — An American firm has been airlifting daily consignments of 90 tons of coffee from Entebbe, Uganda, to this French Red Sea port for the past month for shipment to the U.S., it was learned here Tuesday.

Informed sources confirmed that the airlift of 2,500 tons began on April 30 and was scheduled to end on May 31. So far, 2,200 tons had come through Djibouti.

The lift is being run by the New York-based Seaboard World Airlines whose DC-8-63 transport planes fly in 14 times a week from Uganda with 44 to 46 tons aboard each flight, covering the 2,000 miles in just over two hours.

Seaboard has eight three-man crews, mostly ex-USAAF personnel, and nine ground staff, most of them at Entebbe, to man the operation.

Shipping sources in Djibouti say the coffee is put aboard vessels bound directly for U.S. ports. The coffee purchases are understood to be made from London and the bags are checked before loading by the Ugandan Coffee Board, the sources said.

According to the sources, negotiations are underway for a further airlift running into tens of thousands of tons bound for an undisclosed destination.

Uganda's coffee, the country's main source of wealth, has previously gone to Mombasa in Kenya by railway from Kampala, but strained relations between the two countries have led to closure of this route.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

* DARMSTADT, West Germany, May 28 (AFP). — The Japanese-controlled West German printing firm Habra-Druck has filed bankruptcy proceedings here after the Dai Nippon Printing Company, which owns 51 per cent of the firm, announced its intentions to withdraw from the European printing industry. The company's President, Klaus Ott, said the company could not pay its debts, amounting to nearly 35.5 million marks (\$14.8 million), a third of which is owed to Japanese banks and the rest to its suppliers. Habra-Druck, which prints catalogues and employs 530 people, is 49 per cent owned by the Ott family.

* TOKYO, May 28 (AFP). — A group of anti-nuclear campaigners sent a letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter today asking him not to consent to a Japanese government plan to start operating a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in July. The appeal was made by a group of 17 campaigners, including a socialist dietman, who are now waging a court battle against the installation of a new nuclear power reactor, planned by the government-run Japan Atomic Power Company. The campaigners are asking President Carter to carry out his new nuclear and energy policy aimed at preventing a further spread of nuclear bombs.

* OTTAWA, May 28 (AFP). — Talks aimed at achieving a Canada-Japan Nuclear Safeguard Agreement and resuming uranium shipments that have been suspended for five months ended here yesterday without success. The Canadian External Affairs Department said the discussions would be resumed when External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson and Japanese Foreign Minister Ichiro Hatoyama meet in Vancouver next month. A department spokesman said there was no indication of when uranium shipments, suspended in January because of the lack of a safeguard agreement to prevent Canadian nuclear material from being used for explosions, could be resumed.

* CAIRO, May 28 (AFP). — Canada is to grant Egypt \$500,000 to provide professional training for electrical and energy technicians, the Middle East News Agency reported today. Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Sultan revealed the offer after talks with Canada's ambassador to Cairo, the agency said. Mr. Sultan also said Canadian experts would help solve Egypt's electricity problems.

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| 11 Zenith | 32 Steps over a fence | 68 Man, for short | 16 Hits | 17 Enraged | 46 Bay window | | 61 Tote |
| 12 Handle | 34 Morning prayer | 69 Grain | 18 Deserves | 21 Playing marbles | | | |
| 13 Blotted | 35 Jackets | 55 Released, in a way | 22 Fast | 23 Uganda bigwig | | | |
| 15 Choice | 36 Hated | 56 Hoped | | | | | |
| 19 Concealed | 37 Lubricated | 59 Apes | | | | | |
| 20 Miles of | 38 Germ, for short | 62 Once called | | | | | |
| 25 Uncommon | | | | | | | |

SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. NREJD LYE LIJWUCUW RJAE AYU ICKARK
KRCKNU LUCU KINUW CUIN KEEN KIAD.
—By Lois H. Jones

2. BOTTUDY RISKED WSLUEOAGEZ BOYD EOQG
KOZBDAG GI LOAN IA VISQD GVDUT WORN
LSUEG.
—By Steve Sanford

3. NOISEIMPUGN MYPOT EIMPUPAH AI SIERN
FOR SFNAG GOGYTH
—By Charles Emory

4. MRILP OPTION SORMLCA MPEY FTGLE STAG
IMPUGN UPMYFRC.
—By William Newland

Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Writer wrote words of wit for sad little lad.
2. Cool hammock is refuge from rat race unless rats are seeking refuge there from human race.
3. Bookish compositor, who carelessly omitted hyphen, drew a blank.
4. Ho hum! Officious chairperson keeps making addenda to the agenda.

APOLOGY

The Jordan Times apologises to its readers for the non-appearance of Your Daily Horoscope due to the fact that our stocks have run out. We hope to be able to continue publishing it as soon as possible.

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



DENMARK Bencke

"I start my vacation next week."

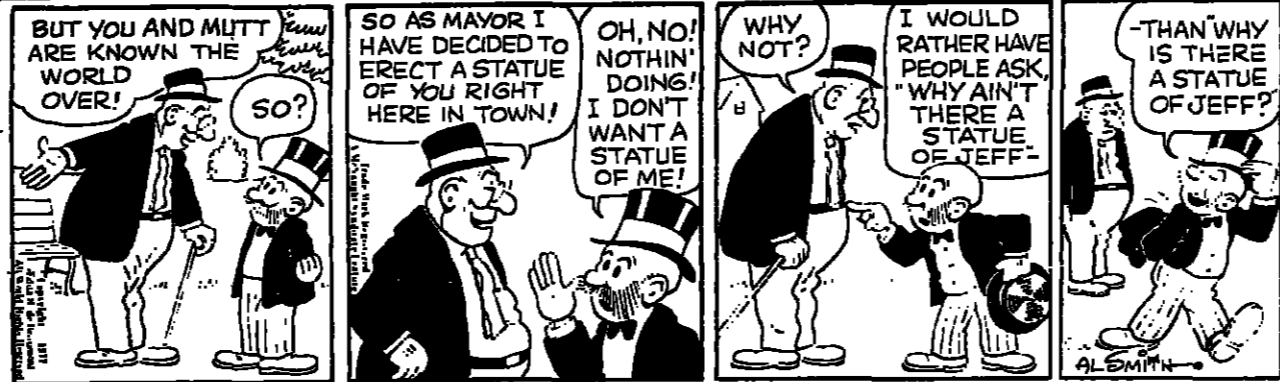
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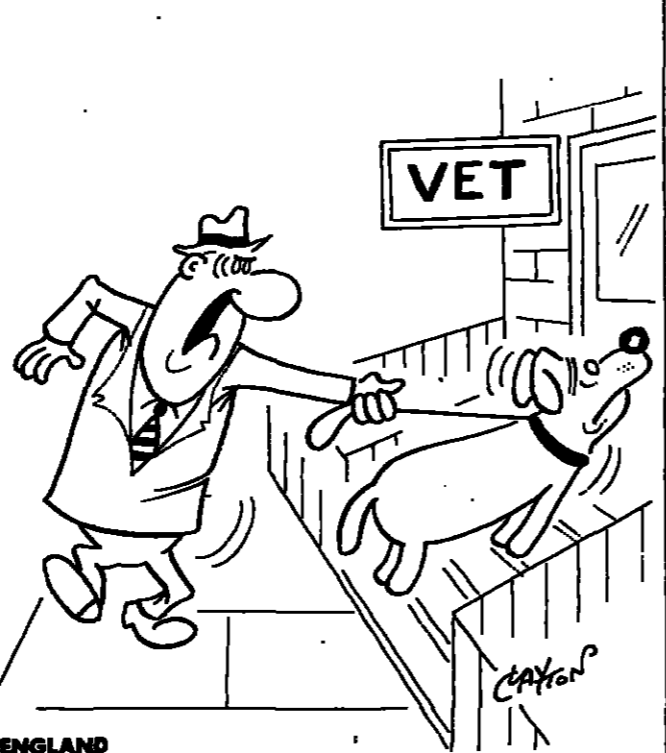
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THE FLINTSTONES



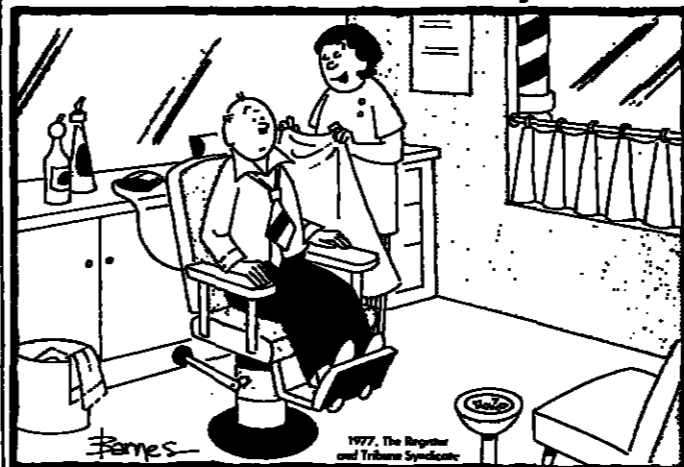
LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



ENGLAND Clayton

"Oh, come back, you hypochondriac!"

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"There... that should hold you until all eight of those hairs grow long again."

WORLD RECORD

The longest recorded individual fight with a fish is 32 hours and 5 minutes by Donal Hearty of New Zealand with a broadbill (estimated length 6.09 metres and weight 680 kg.) off Major Island off Tauranga, North Island on 21-22 Jan. 1968. It towed the 12 ton launch 80 kms. before breaking the line.

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

West North East South 1 Pass Pass? What action do you take? A.—The opponents have come to rest in your best suit, and there is nothing you can do. At this vulnerability, we recognize the possibility that West may have psyched, but any action you take is fraught with danger. Pass, and lead trumps every time you get in—you must not allow declarer to hold: Q7 Q1083 Q5 AK863 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 1 1 2 Pass 2 2 Pass? What do you bid now? A.—Your hand is much better than its point count might suggest. Partner has reversed, and you hold solidifying cards in both his suits. Your bare queen-jack of spades, which were of doubtful value originally, have now assumed great importance. Slam should depend only on partner's diamond holding, and a jump to five hearts invites him to bid slam with first- or second-round control in that suit. Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold: AK1096 J107 AQJ764 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 1 Pass 1 Pass? What do you bid now? A.—One spade. Just continue to bid your hand naturally. It is more important for you to show your good four-card major suit than to rebid the diamonds. Besides, your hand is in the in-between range for a diamond rebid—too strong for a mere two diamonds but a whisker short of the values for a jump rebid. Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: AK873 K92 AK83 J6 Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond? A.—With 14 points in high cards, opposite an opening bid, you naturally intend getting to game. A two no trump rebid would describe your hand, but it might lead to your missing a 4-1 spade fit. However, that doesn't mean we feel you should respond one spade. Our vote goes to the temporarily bid of one diamond, allowing partner the opportunity to introduce a major suit—if he has one. Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold: K83 KJ10952 AK6 K63 The bidding has proceeded:

JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle section with a cartoon and scrambled words: TOXEL, DOBOL, SACCES, JOUFLY. Includes instructions and an answer key.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle section with a grid and clues for across and down words.

RESTAURANT TAIWAN TOURISMO advertisement for a Chinese restaurant.

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE advertisement listing programs like The Waltons and Destination America.

OUT AND ABOUT advertisement listing various restaurants like Captain's Cabin, Chinese Restaurant, and The Diplomat.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

Table listing TV and radio schedules for Jordan Television, BBC Radio, Amman Airport, and Voice of America.

Salisbury talks look promising

SALISBURY, May 28 (AFP). — Sources close to the Anglo-Rhodesian constitutional negotiations expressed optimism today as the end of the first round of negotiations between the visiting Anglo-American consultative team and the Rhodesian government.

The two sides have held talks lasting more than 10 hours. The Anglo-American team leaves tomorrow for Mozambique and will then travel to Zambia before returning to London next Thursday to report to British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

The question of a qualified voters' franchise had emerged as one of the most contentious and vital issues, the sources said.

The present negotiations were "very much at the beginning of the road" and at this stage there was still a chance of success, the sources added. They noted that a key question was now to decide whether the British government and Dr. Owen were prepared to include a qualified franchise in any constitutional agreement.

Dr. Owen has already stated that he supports one-man-one-vote in any settlement agreement.

The sources said it was too early to contemplate holding a constitutional conference on Rhodesia. It was expected that the Anglo-American consultative team would return to Africa in about four or five weeks time, they said.

The talks here over the past three days had revealed that the Rhodesian government defined majority rule in a fairly restricted form of qualified franchise, the sources added.

There were alternative approaches to the problem of a qualified franchise and the various parties were "still arguing", the sources said.

One of the issues raised was that of white confidence and the need to retain whites after independence under all black rule, the sources said. All those involved in the negotiations had recognized the need to retain the whites and build up their confidence, they said.

Meanwhile, Foreign Affairs Minister Pieter van der Byl has condemned the United Nations Security Council decision to block funds for the maintenance of Rhodesia's Information Office in Washington.

In a statement, Mr. van der Byl said the move was a direct contravention of the universal declaration of rights of individual citizens of member states to make up their own minds on issues of the day.

"If President Carter is sincere in his proclamations on human rights then white Africans have the same right of freedom and self-expression as the black Africans," he said.

"If not, all Western declarations affirming the need to respect whites in Rhodesia under majority rule will likewise be disbelieved. The Rhodesian government is sincere in the desire for a negotiated settlement on the basis of majority rule but should the current negotiations fail we shall continue on our path with all the determination and ingenuity we have displayed so far in coping with sanctions and Western hostility in the widest sphere," Mr. van der Byl said.

Trudeaus to separate

OTTAWA, May 28 (Agencies). — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announced that he and his wife Margaret are separating and that he will get custody of their three children.

The couple's six-year marriage has been the subject of much speculation since Mrs. Trudeau followed the British rock group, the Rolling Stones, to New York in March.

Mr. Trudeau made his announcement in a press statement released to parliamentary correspondents in Ottawa.

The 57-year-old prime minister and his 28-year-old wife, the former Miss Margaret Sinclair, daughter of a former Liberal minister of fisheries, were secretly married in Vancouver on March 5, 1971. Their three sons Justin, Sasha and Charles-Emile are five, four and three years old.



HAPPIER DAYS — Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his wife Margaret were all smiles when this picture was taken in August, 1974. On Friday, it was announced that the Trudeaus are separating. (AP wirephoto).

Negotiations stop in 6th day of captive train drama

Concern mounts over hostages' condition

ASSEN, Holland, May 28 (R). — The South Moluccan hijackers of a Dutch train today allowed cleaning materials to be put aboard as anxiety mounted over the condition of their 53 hostages after six days at gunpoint.

Plain clothes police handed the 10 hijackers toilet equipment, brushes and detergents for scrubbing out the two carriages where the hostages have been herded.

The consignment did not include food but sandwiches, drinks and newspapers were delivered to the primary school

at Bovensmilde, 20 kms. from the train, where five other Moluccan gunmen are holding four teachers hostage.

Mrs. Toos Faber, Justice Ministry spokeswoman at the crisis coordination centre here, told journalists that there had been no negotiations between the authorities and the two groups of gunmen today.

There was particular anxiety about one of the 20 women aboard the train. The pregnant woman suffers from a thyroid condition and was on her way to hospital to spend several days as an in-patient for observation when the inter-city express was hijacked.

The guerrillas earlier this week turned down a plea from the woman's gynaecologist for her release. In view of this categorical rejection, Mrs. Faber said, no further attempt had been made so far to persuade the guerrillas to let her go.

Mrs. Faber said that medicine of a kind normally given in the seventh month of pregnancy was sent aboard last night for the woman, Mrs. N. Ellenbroek-Prinsen. She was not more specific.

Earlier in the week the guerrillas asked for a stethoscope to be delivered which led officials here to believe that one of the hostages must be a doctor or at least have some medical experience.

No official information is being given out about the condition of the hostages. But the

fact that sleeping pills and mild sedatives were sent aboard the train suggests that confinement in the cramped carriages is beginning to tell on the hostages.

The temperature was pushing up past 25 centigrade this morning as two plain-clothes policemen walked down the track through a shimmering haze pulling a trolley with the cleaning materials and some drinking water.

The hostages have now spent five days aboard the train in high temperatures and sitting on top of an accumulation of sewage dumped into the track through lavatories which must by now be running short of water for flushing.

Unlike the 105 children who were held hostage for four days in the Bovensmilde school and are now reunited with their parents, the train passengers have no books, games or television to while away the tedium of their captivity.

Mrs. Faber this morning said she had been misquoted in press reports that she had said that police would attack the train if any harm were done to the hostages.

She said that she had said only that an attack on the train would be a possibility if hostages were harmed.

During a similar train hijacking at Belling near here 18 months ago by South Moluccan guerrillas, two hostages were shot in cold blood.

Juan Carlos warns army to avoid politics

MADRID, May 28 (R). — King Juan Carlos today warned Spain's armed forces to stand aloof from the country's political transformation as he watched his own young son become a member of the army.

Nine-year-old Prince Felipe was made an honorary soldier in Spain's oldest infantry regiment.

The king's reminder came after signs of military dissent with some political reforms which are likely to be speeded up if Centrists led by Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez win general elections on June 15.

"They have no more ambition than to be the first in the fulfilment of their duty, and boundless love for Spain."

"In seeing my son a soldier, I think of Spain and its future, a future in peace, order and progress."

The ceremony at the barracks of the 700-year-old First Immemorial Regiment was attended by Senor Suarez and senior generals.

U.K. troops, police surround airport in case Amin decides to visit, London paper says

LONDON, May 28 (AFP). — British troops and police will ring Stansted Airport near here from tomorrow in case Ugandan President Idi Amin arrives unexpectedly, the Sun newspaper reported today.

The small airport is used regularly by Field Marshal Amin's personal Boeing-707 on flights to pick up British goods, and several such routine flights are scheduled in the next few days.

The paper said that because the British government feared he might be aboard, 120 troops and some 50 police would be stationed at Stansted from Sunday to stop President Amin from getting into Britain for the Commonwealth conference opening in London on June 8.

Meanwhile, President Amin has warned British nationals in Uganda to stop alleging that there is discrimination against Christians in the country, Kampala Radio, monitored in Nairobi, reported today.

Town said besieged by Eritreans

BEIRUT, May 28 (R). — A guerrilla group said today that its forces are besieging the town of Agordat, a district capital in Ethiopia's Red Sea Province of Eritrea. A statement by the Eritrean Liberation Front-People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF), which is fighting to separate the province from Ethiopia, said the government had ordered some reinforcements into Agordat in an effort to break the two-day-old siege. But in a four-hour battle which followed, the Ethiopian troops suffered heavy losses and were driven back into the besieged town, the statement said.



CHILD SEARCH — Two South Moluccan children are searched by Dutch police Saturday at one of the approaches to the school in Bovensmilde, where South Moluccan guerrillas are still holding four teachers hostage. The children are part of the South Moluccan community in this Dutch town. (AP wirephoto).

Andrew Young, Idi Amin irk this Rhodesian minister

GWELO, Rhodesia, May 28 (AFP). — Rhodesian Minister of Manpower and Social Services Rowan Cronje yesterday likened American Ambassador at the U.N. Andrew Young to Ugandan President Idi Amin.

Criticising Mr. Young's recent statements on Rhodesia, Mr. Cronje said: "One will be forgiven if one considers classifying Mr. Andrew Young in the same category as Mr. Idi Amin."

"They both would have been clowns were the world problems not so tragic. Their utterances would have been funny were they not so dangerous, pathetic, or their effect so serious."

Mr. Cronje said Mr. Young's statements on Rhodesia caused "grave concern", not only because they were "totally without fact or foundation," but also because they were "in a long line of absurd and irresponsible statements made by Mr. Young."

"It causes concern that the president of a leading nation of the West should have chosen such a man to represent it at

the world forum of the United Nations and that this man, despite his ill-informed statements, is being retained and tolerated in what one would regard as a position of importance," Mr. Cronje said.

The U.S. appeared to regard the average black in the same light as the American "negro" or black politician and university students, Mr. Cronje added.

The Americans appear to be so "imbued by the idealism of human rights and democracy -- which means one man one vote -- that they do not appear to note the effects which similar approaches have had elsewhere on Africans."

"In fact, if things go wrong, if Mr. Mugabe (Rhodesian nationalist leader Robert Mugabe) and his Marxists gain control, the 'American dream' in Rhodesia could become a world nightmare," Mr. Cronje said.

Mr. Cronje's attack was particularly directed at Mr. Young's claim that the lifespan of Rhodesian blacks was half that of the whites, and that they had a higher de facto mortality

rate from "systematic oppression."

Meanwhile, the Carter administration yesterday again defended Mr. Andrew Young, this time from New York Times criticism that he had managed to "enrage" the Swedes, the Russians, the British, the New York Borough of Queens and almost certainly the State Department.

According to the Times this had been Mr. Young's achievement in the last 24 hours of a trip, from which he has just returned, to Africa and Britain.

But State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the department was "most certainly" not enraged, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was "pleased with the trip," which he felt had "served a useful purpose."

The New York Times declared that Mr. Young "called the Russians the worst racists in the world," said the Swedes were "terrible racists" who treated blacks as badly as they are treated in Queens, and asserted that Britain's "old colonial mentality" was still "very strong throughout the island."

Mr. Young, whom President Jimmy Carter has referred to as a hero of the Third World, is temporarily part of the State Department without being subordinate to Mr. Vance.

Geneva war rules now protect newsmen, vital installations

GENEVA, May 28 (AFP). — Bombing of dikes and nuclear power plants were among the types of attack on civilian populations banned yesterday by the diplomatic conference that has been working here for four years to update the Geneva Conventions of 1949 on the humanitarian rules of warfare.

The conference of 139 countries, which is due to wind up its work on June 11, also adopted a new provision to protect "journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict." Such journalists are to be considered civilians and protected by the Conventions, which have up to now covered only journalists with the status of "war correspondents."

The conference prohibited "starvation of civilians as a method of warfare."

It banned attacks or reprisals against food supplies, crops, livestock, farmland, drinking water and irrigation works.

Works or installations "containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dikes and nuclear electric generating stations" must not be attacked, the conference ruled.

It also called on the parties to a conflict to avoid locating

any military objectives near dams, dikes or nuclear power plants, which it said may be marked with a special sign consisting of a "group of three bright orange circles placed on the same axis."

The conference outlawed any sort of attack on "non-defended localities", that is, those from which "all combatants, as well as mobile weapons and mobile military equipment must have been evacuated."

Occupation forces will not have the right to "divert from their proper use or requisition" shelters or buildings used for civilian defence. A new international sign marking civilian defence installations, a blue triangle on an orange background, is to be respected like the Red Cross.

Under no circumstances are pregnant women, mothers of small children or children under 18 to be executed. At the same time, parties to a conflict should try to avoid arming children under the age of 15.

Evacuation of children from their native country was also banned, except as a temporary measure and preferably with the consent of parents or local officials.

On Monday, the conference will discuss war crimes. Later, it will try to set up a committee of states with the job of "recommending" the banning or limitation of certain conventional weapons.

68 people perish in Cuban air disaster

HAVANA, May 28 (R). — Passengers from at least eight nations were among 68 people killed in Cuba's worst air disaster yesterday, it was announced today.

The official death toll was given today as 68, two more than yesterday. All nine Soviet crew members died, as well as 58 passengers. Two passengers survived with critical injuries after being thrown clear.

The confirmed dead were 12 Britons, 10 Cubans, two West Germans, two Australians, two from Guinea-Bissau, one Dutch citizen and one Swede, plus the Russian crew.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

* **BELFAST, May 28 (R).** — Police last night charged five men with the murder of British Grenadier Guards officer Robert Nairn, whom the Irish Republican Army (IRA) says it killed. Capt. Nairn disappeared on May 15 in South Armagh, near the border with the Irish Republic. His body has not been found. The five men, aged between 17 and 39, come from South Armagh and were arrested on Wednesday.

* **ABU DHABI, May 28 (R).** — Sheikh Khalifeh Ibn Zayed, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, has called on the Arabs in an interview published here to strengthen their forces and "prepare for any treacherous attack by Israel." In the interview with the local army magazine, Sheikh Khalifeh, who is also Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates armed forces, said solidarity and unity were the Arabs' only means of achieving victory.

* **TUNIS, May 28 (AFP).** — Tunisia today ordered the American chief of a Mediterranean oil rig being set up off Tunisia to leave the area and not to drill there. The proposed Libya-backed probe is off Gabes, in an offshore zone claimed by Tunisia. The rig is owned by the American firm Reading and Bates. Its arrival off Gabes has caused a flareup between Tunisia and Libya over continental shelf sovereignty. Tunisian newspapers today said that Libyan drilling in waters claimed by Tunisia could lead to military confrontation. They said the situation was "explosive."

* **DAR ES SALAAM, May 28 (AFP).** — Several thousand mentally ill Africans are employed without payment by private South African companies, the Organisation of African Unity's Liberation Committee has stated here. The committee, quoting a World Health Organisation (WHO) report, said the Africans were recruited through the Ministry of Health in Pretoria.

* **ALGIERS, May 28 (AFP).** — Algeria last night repeated an offer of assistance to France and the International Red Cross to set up direct contacts with the Polisario liberation front concerning six French citizens missing since a Polisario raid in Mauritania on May 10. Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, whose government backs Polisario in its fight against Moroccan and Mauritanian partition of Western (ex-Spanish) Sahara, also repeated, however, that Algeria knew nothing about the fate of the missing French people, who are thought to have been taken prisoner.

* **WARSAW, May 28 (AFP).** — Three more people joined a hunger strike of dissidents here last night to demand the liberation of those still imprisoned for food price riots in June last year or for taking stands on behalf of the prisoners. One of the trio was poet Stanislaw Baranczak, a member of the "Workers' Defence Committee" living in Poznan. A total of 14 people are now taking part in the hunger strike, which was started on Tuesday in a chapel of Saint Martin's Church here.

* **JAKARTA, May 28 (AFP).** — Indonesian authorities have decided to take court action against the Moslem Party (PPP) paper Felita for distorted election news reports defaming the government. This was announced today by security chief Admiral Sudomo after a meeting with political party leaders which agreed on a blackout of election news until the final results are published on June 9.

Crew seizes Japanese-owned tanker because of "inhuman conditions"

MANILA, May 28 (AFP). — Twenty-seven Filipino crewmen of a British-bound Japanese tanker seized the vessel on the high seas and diverted it to Manila yesterday protesting against alleged "inhuman treatment" by its Japanese owners, it was disclosed here today.

Capt. Hercules Galias of the 16,000-ton tanker Bravery accused the shipowners in an interview with newsmen here today of non-payment of the crew's salaries and wages and of failing to provide the ship with badly-needed spare parts.

The Manila agents of the crew said they would not release the tanker until the Japanese firm had remitted the crew's wages and salaries as well as brokerage fees amounting altogether to U.S. \$360,709.

The tanker, loaded with 13,000 tons of molasses in Karachi on May 9, was sailing in the Arabian Sea bound for Britain when its all-Filipino crew decided to turn back and head for the Philippines, Capt. Galias said.

The skipper, aged 34, said he brought the tanker to Manila without authority from the shipowners in order "to ensure the safety of the ship and crew."

With very little spare parts, the ship would have become unsaworthy and he would have "endangered" it and his crew if he had proceeded to their original destination, Capt. Galias further claimed.

He said the decision to turn back was made by his crew and that "we believe what we did was right. Any other captain would have done the same thing."

Capt. Galias accused the shipowners of failing to pro-

vide the crew with food and other provisions as well as medical assistance, negligence in paying salaries, and failing to give the crew shore leaves in Japanese ports.

The shipowners also allegedly failed to remit part of the salaries to the crew's families here as agreed upon.

The captain said that under the contract they were to have been paid monthly but since the tanker's departure from Manila last December, bound for foreign parts, the crew were paid only twice -- last February and on May 3.

He accused the shipowners of ignoring their complaints despite repeated messages to them.

Such was their condition that in some ports like Bombay and Mombassa the crew had to beg for food, according to the captain. In Karachi, he added, they had to fish in order to have something to eat, and some crewmen fell ill.

On May 12, in the Arabian Sea, the captain said he decided his main responsibility was the safety of the crew and ship, and turned to the "safest port", which was Manila.

Asked if he thought they violated any international law by diverting the vessel, the captain said this was up to Philippine authorities to decide.

Replying to questions, the skipper said he informed the Okada Kaum firm of his decision to divert the tanker as the ship was about to enter Philippine waters.

Capt. Pedro Cariaza, President of the Manila Motorship

Agencies, Inc., which hired the crew for the tanker, told AFP his company "intends to hold on to the ship" until the Japanese firm had settled its obligations.

This was the latest in a series of incidents involving Filipino crewmen on the high seas. Some months ago, Filipino crewmen of the Indian-owned tanker Globtik Venus staged a strike in protest over wages while the ship was anchored at Le Havre, France.

New York hails building climber then fines him

NEW YORK, May 28 (R). — The man who climbed the side of the world's tallest building here was hailed yesterday by New York's Mayor Abraham Beame, who praised his courage and announced his fine had been reduced from \$250,000 to just over one dollar.

Mr. Beame told Mr. George Willig, who became an instant folk hero on Thursday by climbing up the World Trade Centre, that the city was dropping its quarter-million dollar suit against him.

Instead, said the mayor, the city would settle for \$1.10 -- one cent for each of the building's 110 floors.

At a City Hall ceremony, Mr. Willig took the \$1.10 from his pocket and presented it to the mayor, who said with a deadpan expression, "we need the money."

Mr. Beame told the mountaineering enthusiast that his feat had given a needed uplift to the city's sagging spirits,

plagued by a faltering economy and a continuing financial crisis.

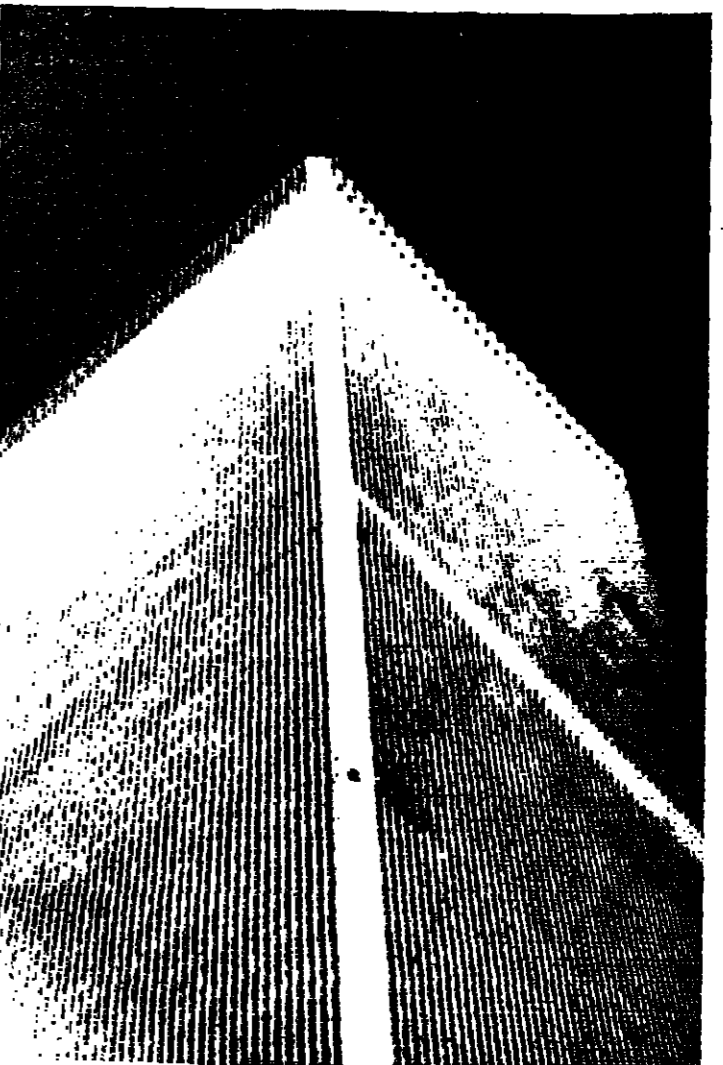
After Mr. Willig completed his three-and-one-half hour climb on Thursday he was taken from the building in handcuffs and told that he was being charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and climbing a building without a permit.

But Mr. Beame said yesterday the charges had been dropped along with the \$250,000 suit.

City officials conceded yesterday that the \$250,000 figure they quoted as the cost of extra police time had been arbitrary. Police Commissioner Michael Codd later estimated the actual cost at \$2,500.

But Mr. Beame said that he was concerned that other, less capable, New Yorkers might try similar stunts.

Mr. Willig agreed that no one else should try to duplicate his climb up the 411 metre side of the Trade Centre.



HUMAN FLY — Mr. George Willig appears as a small black dot as he climbs the south tower of New York's World Trade Centre on Thursday. Police officers (right) trying to keep pace with the mountaineering enthusiast.

Handwritten Arabic text: *هذا هو الرجل*